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On Motion of Senator Jewett, a bill to provide for the sale of the public domain, was taken up, and made the special order of the day for Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Limestone; passed to 3d reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundaries of Robertson county; read 2d time, and passed to 3d reading.

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the manner of organizing the House of Representatives, of the Legislature of the State of Texas; read 2d time, and passed to a 3d reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the organization of the several counties in the State; read 2d time, and passed to a 3d reading.

A bill to provide for the appointment of patrols, and to prescribe their duties and powers; read 3d time.

Senator Robinson offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "shall" in 19th line, 4th section and insert "be bound by said Justice to the next District Court, and subject to indictment and punishment as for a misdemeanor." Adopted.

Senator Cuney offered the following amendment:

Insert at the end of first section "provided one half of the patrols appointed shall be owners of slaves, or their substitutes." Adopted.

The yeas and nays on the final passage of the bill, stood:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Cuney, Hogg, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Scott, Wallace, and Williams.—16.

Nays. Senator Grimes.—1.

So the bill passed.

Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 MONDAY April 6, 1846. }
 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Wallace presented the petition of A. A. Burress, praying for a duplicate patent, the original having been burnt; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

A bill to organize the District Courts of the State of Texas.

A bill requiring Notaries Public, to procure seals of office for the authentication of their official acts;

A bill to designate and officially name the persons who shall be conservators of the peace;

A bill to provide for serving writs or other process upon Sheriffs;

A bill regulating motions for costs in civil actions;

A bill for the relief of any persons who may have purchased town, city, or other lots, from the late Republic of Texas;

A bill to define the duties of Secretary of State;

As correctly engrossed.

Senator Wallace, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the report made by the Hon. E. Allen, Attorney General of the late Republic of Texas, to His Excellency Anson Jones President thereof, under date of 16th February, 1846, relating to a revision and digest of the laws of Texas, reported

That the Committee conceive that it is unnecessary to take further action at present, upon the report, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Report adopted.

Also, to whom was referred, the joint resolution authorizing plaintiffs or defendants, or their agents, to file in the Supreme Court, briefs of their cases to be taken as appearances, &c., &c., reported it back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Also, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of religious societies in this State, reported further legislation unnecessary, and recommended the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Report adopted.

Senator Grimes, Chairman of the committee on Finance, reported a substitute for a bill to allow former holders of land, sold for taxes, to redeem the same, where it has been purchased by the Government. Adopted.

Also, reported a joint resolution for disposing of a portion of the public buildings in the city of Austin, back to the Senate.

authorizing the Comptroller to rent said buildings, and with the following amendments:

In first section, third line, strike out from the word "required" to the word "in" in fourth line, and insert "shall on the first day of May next rent until the first day of January, 1847, and annually thereafter until otherwise directed by law, to the highest bidder at public outcry."

In section second, first line strike out after the word "the" to "giving" in fourth line and insert "rent shall be paid monthly or quarterly at the discretion of the Comptroller by the renter"

Also, reported that the motion referred with the joint resolution has been submitted to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the information required.

Senator Kinney, Chairman of Select committee, to whom was referred a bill to define the limits of San Patricio county reported the same with the following amendments:

In first section, eighth line strike out all after the word "Bay" and insert "to the mouth of the bayou that connects salt bay with Aransasa bay, thence in a direct line to the mouth of Aransas river, thence following the meander of the west bank of said river to the line of Bexar county, the place of beginning."

Additional section. *"Be it further enacted,* That the town of San Patricio be and is hereby declared the county seat of said county."

Strike out from the caption the words "and define the limits of."

Senator Williams, Chairman of the Select committee, to whom was referred a bill to secure the right of volunteers in the naval service of the Republic of Texas, to their bounty lands, reported a substitute for the original bill and recommended its adoption. Adopted.

Senator Phillips, Chairman of the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, on the bill defining the duties of Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, reported

That the House concur in the amendments of the Senate to the second section, and adopt the substitute of the Senate for the 18th section; also, that the House adopt the additional section made by the Senate to come in as 20th section, with an amendment, to wit: after the word "and" in third line insert "together with the Treasurer;" that the Senate recede from their substitute for the 6th section—for the 19th section and that both Houses adopt an amendment to the original sec-

tion to wit: in the fourth line after the word "of." insert "either branch of."

Report adopted.

Senator Wallace introduced a bill, authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents to claimants on land lying in two or more counties. Read 1st time.

Senator Wood introduced a bill, authorizing the Governor to receive monies due the State by the Government of the United States. Read 1st time.

Senator Scott introduced a bill, to declare files and surveys fraudulent and void, and affixing a penalty on persons practicing the same. Read 1st time.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Joseph Wager.

A bill legalizing the sales of town lots in the town of Goliad.

A bill transferring part of the liabilities of Milam county to Burleson county.

A bill requiring the county of Limestone to pay one fourth of the debt of Robertson county.

A bill for the relief of James Gilliam Assignee of Jesse Billingsly.

Joint resolution concerning roads in Robertson county.

A bill to authorize John Henry Brown and Mary M. Brown, to adopt John Henry B. Stover as their child and lawful heir.

Joint resolution, declaring the exclusive right of the State of Texas, to the jurisdiction over the soil included within the limits thereof.

A bill creating the county of Angelina.

A bill establishing the seat of Justice of Dallas county.

A bill defining the limits of Nacogdoches county.

A bill to authorize the Governor to offer rewards for fugitives.

A bill authorizing the Governor to cause the Constitution and certain laws of the State to be translated into the German language, and promulgate the same.

A bill to provide for fixing the county seat of justice for the county of Grimes.

A bill to require the county of Wharton to pay a portion of the debt of Colorado and Matagorda counties.

A bill for the protection of widows and orphans.

A bill establishing the seat of Justice of Limestone county

A bill for the relief of Isaac Ferguson.

A bill to organize the county of Upshur.

A bill to authorize the Chief Justices elected on the second Monday in February last, to continue in office until their successors are elected.

All of which originated in the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

Question on reconsidering the vote adopting the substitute for 2nd section: yeas and nays called:

Yeas. Senators, Cuney, Grimes, Hogg, Kinney, Parker Phillips, Robinson, Scott, and Wallace—9.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Burleson, Brashear, Jewett, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Williams, Williamson, and Wood—12.

Lost.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sections of the bill stricken out.

Ninth section adopted.

Senator McNeel moved a call of the Senate.

Roll called and further call suspended.

Senator Wood moved to strike out 10th section. Carried

Senator Wallace offered an amendment to 11th section:

"The Supreme Court shall hold one session every year, between the months of October and June inclusive, at no more than three places in the State. At the city of Austin provided this act shall not be construed so as to impair the constitutional powers of the Supreme Court.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the bill with amendments were referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Phillips, McKinney and Bagby.

A bill to be entitled an act to classify the liabilities of Republic of Texas, being the special order, was laid on the table until 3 o'clock.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the bill to organize the Probate Court was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Senator Hogg, the bill to provide for the transfer of Judicial proceedings from old to new counties, was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

Senator Wallace introduced a joint resolution, granting permission to all persons who petition the Legislature for relief to withdraw their vouchers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to authorize the institution of suits against the State.—
Read 3rd time and passed.

Bill creating the county of Limestone. Read 3rd time and passed.

Senator Jewett moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the amendment offered by himself, on Saturday; carried, and amendments withdrawn.

Bill to prescribe the time of the biennial meetings of the Legislature of the State of Texas. Read 3rd time and passed.

An act to provide for the organization of the several counties in the State. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to define the boundaries of Robertson county. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to prescribe the manner of organizing the House of Representatives of the State of Texas. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to repeal the 4th section of an act approved June 7th, 1837, authorizing the consolidation and funding of the public debt, and prescribing the manner in which stock certificates of said fund, shall be transferred, was laid on the table until to-morrow. Laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to secure to the State of Texas, customs revenue received or incurred under the laws of the late Republic, was referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Scott, McKinney and Parker.

A bill to provide for vesting in the State, escheated property; read by sections.

Senator Phillips moved to insert after "devisee," the words "or legatee," in the 15th, 16th and 18th sections of the bill.—Carried.

Senator Navarro offered the following amendments to the 18th section:

Insert after the word "alien," "unless he wishes to become a citizen." Adopted.

After the word "claimant," insert "if he wishes to become a citizen, the time required for naturalization shall be allowed, and after taking the oath of allegiance, the title to such lands shall be decreed to him." Adopted.

Senator Phillips offered an additional section:

"Be it further enacted, That all property escheated under

the provisions of this act, shall remain subject to the disposition of the State, as may be hereafter prescribed by law."

Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Scott moved a reconsideration of the vote passing the bill, prescribing the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature. Carried.

Senator Robinson moved to strike out 2nd Monday in November. Carried.

Senator McNeel moved to insert 2nd Monday in December. Carried, and bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to classify the liabilities of the Republic of Texas, bearing the special order, was taken up.

Senator Jewett moved a call of the Senate. Carried.

Roll called, and further call suspended.

Bill read by sections.

Senator Phillips moved to strike out "four" in last line first section and insert "three." Carried.

Senator Jewett moved to insert after the word "liabilities" the words "for money." Carried and section adopted.

Senator Wallace moved to strike out all after the word "war" in fifth line of second section, to the word "shall." Carried.

Senator Jewett moved to insert after the word "hands" in second line, "or in the hands of their heirs or legatees." Carried.

Senator McKinney moved to insert after the word "for" in fourth line, the word "supplies." Carried and section adopted.

Senator Wallace moved to strike out the word "classed" in fourth line, third section, and insert "paid." Carried.

Senator Phillips moved to strike out all after the word "Governor" in fifth line, and insert "and shall compose the second class." Carried.

Senator Phillips moved to strike out all after the word "liabilities" in first line, to the word "of" in second line. Carried.

Senator Wallace moved to strike out all after the word "act" to the word "and" in third line. Carried and section adopted.

Senator Wallace moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the fourth section. Carried.

Senator Wallace offered the following amendment:

Insert at the end of the section, "at the rate of ten per cent upon the amount of principal and interest thereupon due."

On motion of Senator Brashear, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TUESDAY, April 7, 1848. }
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment---roll called and a quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Jewett presented the petition of R. M. Williamson, praying for a duplicate land certificate. Referred to committee on Public Lands.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported as correctly engrossed, an act for vesting in the State escheated property.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported

An act to prohibit individuals from issuing bills, checks, promissory notes, or other paper to circulate as money;

An act amending the 8th and 11th sections of an act to incorporate Herman's University; approved January, 27th, 1844;

An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents in cases where land has been located in two surveys;

All being correctly enrolled, and signed by the Speaker and President *pro tem.* were this day presented to the Governor for his signature.

Senator Williams, Chairman of the committee on Public Lands, reported a substitute for a bill to legalize certain surveys in Bexar county, made by the surveyor of Bastrop county.

Select committee, A. H. Phillips Chairman, reported the bill to be entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, back to the Senate with amendments, as follow:

Substitute for 2nd section:

Be it further enacted, That the State of Texas shall constitute one Supreme Court District only, and said Court shall be holden once in each year only, to commence on the first Mon-